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I am quite concerned that the settlement you have reached with Microsoft will only provide the software company with more opportunities to extend its monopoly. Much like the Gates foundation which already exists, the foundation will buy computers and likely Microsoft software. If this proposed foundation is formed, it will only increase the proliferation of the Windows operating system and other technologies, and allow it to gain a stronger hold on not only the OS and browser markets, but others as well. Additionally, if the foundation results in a greater installed base of Windows machines in public schools, this will only extend their ability to engage in anti-competitive practices, practices which Microsoft has no indication of reversing even given the recent anti-trust litigation.

The settlement does nothing for consumers. It does nothing for the losses incurred by other companies. It does nothing to promote innovation in the industry. Frankly, the DOJ should be ashamed of this settlement, and should be investigated for political influences which could have been involved in the making of this settlement. This settlement is a win-win situation for Microsoft and blow to the plaintiffs, the consumers, and the justice system of our country.

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